

## GIRL SAIDRAGGED IN LONELY FIELD

Miss Bessie Leighton is  
Murderously Assaulted  
By Unknown Man.

## THINK ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE

Young Lady's Sisters, Hearing  
Her Cries, Ran to Rescue and  
Drove Off Her Assailant,  
Who Escaped With-  
out Securing  
Purse.

While on her way home at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, Miss Bessie Leighton, who lives with her married sister, Mrs. C. W. Newman, at 1339 North Twenty-ninth Street, was sand-bagged and almost rendered senseless by the impact of the two successive blows she received on the right side of her head. It is believed by Mr. C. W. Newman, the girl's brother-in-law, that the motive was robbery, though the assailant failed to accomplish his purpose, if this were his motive, for Miss Leighton, as she fell, threw her pocket-book from her, and it fell in the grass some distance away.

Miss Leighton was passing through a lonely field, which separates her home on the 1300 block from the row of houses on the 1200 block. She noticed a man walking in front of her, but thinking he was a stranger, she walked quickly on, to get home before nightfall. Just as she got close to the man he made pretense of dropping his umbrella. She paused, and he rose suddenly, striking her a terrific blow on the side of her head. She swayed and tottered, but did not quite fall, and he struck her again, this time with a man's hand, which fortunately was heard by her two sisters, who were waiting for her at the front gate.

Rushed to Rescue.  
With the cry "I'm coming, I'm coming," Mrs. Newman and her sister rushed out to the aid of Miss Leighton. In the meanwhile the man had escaped in the night, and no more was seen of him. Miss Leighton was borne to her home by her sisters, and Newman immediately rushed to call a physician and to notify the police. Dr. Ford responded, and treated the girl's wounds. The skin was not broken, and the physician was of the opinion that the wound was inflicted with a sand bag. The blows in her hair and her hat-pins were broken by the blows, and her hat was knocked from her head.

The young lady revived within a few minutes, and when Policeman Werner arrived on the scene, was enabled to give the officer a partial description of her assailant. She stated that the man was white, of middle height, and that he wore dark clothes and hat. She did not recognize him, however, and this was the difficulty. Policeman Werner and afterwards Policeman Wiley searched about for clues, but without success.

Complains of Disorder.  
Mr. Newman complains bitterly of disorder, which he says goes on almost nightly near his residence. He states that a gang of young white boys and negroes dwell glibly on the corner and make night hideous with their noise. Just four weeks ago another young lady was assaulted as she was on her way home, the thief managing to snatch her purse and make off with it. He was never captured.

The locality in which Mr. Newman and many neighbors have their homes is ill-lighted, or hardly lighted at all; the mounted police, having so much territory to cover, hardly reach it in their travels, and the difficulty of being committed with ease. It is a little fear of detection. The place is so bad that women are afraid to venture from their doors at night.

Miss Leighton was very weak and tremulous when seen last night.

## LIFE TERM FOR JACKNIFE

Two Young Burglars Had Long Record of Crime.

DETROIT, November 2.—For committing a burglary, two young boys were sentenced by Judge Connelly to life terms in the Michigan State Prison. The boys, Charles Demas and Marquette Demas, were sentenced to life terms in the Michigan State Prison. The boys, Charles Demas and Marquette Demas, were sentenced to life terms in the Michigan State Prison.

## MAY AVERT THE STRIKE

President Lloyd-George, of Board of Trade, May Effect Compromise.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The prospects that the president of the board of trade, Mr. Lloyd-George, may be able to avert the general railroad strike by arranging a compromise were brighter to-day. A full meeting of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was held this morning, and it was decided to postpone all actions on yesterday's resolution in favor of a strike until after the conference, which is to take place with Mr. Lloyd-George Nov. 6, to which he has invited the society to send representatives.

## PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

TO VISIT KING ALFONSO

PARIS, Nov. 2.—President Fallieres, it is announced, has decided to accept the invitation of King Alfonso to visit him in Madrid, and will start for Spain early in April next.

## Breaking His Own Record.

COVENTRY, R. I., Nov. 2.—Arriving before the sun today, Edward Payson Weston, who is famous for breaking the record made by himself forty years ago in walking from Portland, Me., to Chicago, made an early start.

## CAMPAIGN WILL END ON TUESDAY

Spirited Contests in Many  
of the Legislative  
Districts.

## BATTLES OVER COUNTY OFFICES

Nelson, Louisa and Fluvanna  
Involved in Warm Contro-  
versies — Democrats Will  
Easily Control Both  
Branches of Gen-  
eral Assembly.

With important elections to be held at every precinct in the State on Tuesday, involving the selection of all county officers and members of both branches of the Legislature, the situation is remarkably quiet, save in a few localities where strenuous local battles are being waged.

In Richmond City, where the straight Democratic ticket, having partial opposition, is in no possible doubt, a light vote is anticipated. The managers of the dominant party, however, are on the alert, and are adopting every means to make assurances doubly sure. The Republicans have nominated Mr. Leslie H. Drew for the House, hoping, admittedly, through Democratic inactivity, a full ticket and the support of any rebellious spirits that may develop, to "slip" him in.

For the Senate, the only opposition to the local Democratic ticket lies in the candidacy of "Baron" W. E. Talley, who claims himself as an independent, and who recently bolted the Republican party for reasons which are understood to be satisfactory to himself.

The Republicans as a rule are not for the "parson," because he has long since eschewed the organization and chosen to walk in other paths. The Democrats are not supporting him for the reason that they have named their ticket in a regularly organized primary, and are not disposed to object to their own selections. So there is every reason to look for the usual Democratic results here.

## Doherty on the Alert.

Still, Chairman Doherty, of the City Democratic Committee, is not "over-looking" any of the "parsons." He has issued the following final appeal to the Democratic voters:

Headquarters City Democratic Committee.  
Richmond, Va., Nov. 2, 1907.

On Tuesday next, November 5th, the voters of Richmond will be called upon to select their representatives in the General Assembly. The Democratic nominees were selected in the recent primary, and it is in order for the Democrats to give indorsement in the general election to the choice expressed by them in the recent primary. There will be some opposition to the Democratic ticket, one Republican has named himself as a candidate for the House of Delegates, and there is also one candidate aspiring to a seat in the Senate from Richmond in opposition to the Democratic nominees. The candidates selected by the Democrats in the recent primary are as follows:

Senate—E. C. Folkes, A. C. Harman.  
House of Delegates—E. P. Cox, H. C. Glenn, Hill Montague, E. C. Mable, C. E. Wingo.

In order that you may not be lost, it is necessary that the voter should only vote for the five members of the House of Delegates and two members of the Senate. Be careful in arranging your ticket to vote for the names of none of the Democratic nominees are named. Do not let the enemy elect a single delegate in consequence of Democratic carelessness or neglect. Richmond has long been the stronghold of Democracy in Virginia, and it is our duty to keep the solid line in through Democratic apathy. The enemy will exploit.

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS

Chairman New, of the Republican Committee, and Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 2.—Harry S. New, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has returned to Indianapolis from Chicago, where he went to inspect various public houses as a member of the Chicago National Convention Committee, which is making strenuous efforts to secure the Republican presidential convention next year. Chairman New gave the Chicago committee no further encouragement than a promise that its platform would be considered by the Republican National Committee when it meets in Washington in December.

"I went to Chicago," said Mr. New yesterday, "to look over a number of balls. I visited the Waldorf, but told the committee I did not believe the national organization would accept the Coliseum unless it could be made to hold more people than it held at the last convention. There is a project on foot to increase the seating capacity of the Coliseum to 10,000."

## WAKE IN BURNING HOME

Family of Winchester Merchant Awakened to Find Dwelling Alight.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., November 2.—The handsome brick residence of George W. Ketter, a well-known merchant, situated on North Main Street, narrowly escaped destruction by a fire which broke out at 3 o'clock this morning. The family was aroused barely in time to escape unharmed. Prompt work of the firemen confined the blaze to the wing, and the damage was limited to about \$10,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Practically every school teacher in Winchester and Frederick county attended the annual convention of the Teachers' Association, which was held in this city to-day. Addresses were made by Dr. Edmund Stone, of the University of Virginia, Hon. B. E. Byrd, and Robert M. Ward, of Winchester. Superintendent of Schools M. M. Lynch, presided.

## FACTORS IN THE DELAWARE PROHIBITION FIGHT



## ANTI-LICENSE FOLK CLAIM BIG VICTORY

Delaware State Committee Issues a Statement Saying They Will Win on Tuesday.

## EXCITING FIGHT NEAR END

Remarkable Campaign, in Which Great Zeal and Interest Has Been Shown on Both Sides.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, DEL., November 2.—All Delaware will vote on November 5th on the question of whether the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor shall be continued in the State, or whether local option shall prevail. The pre-election campaign, in which women and children, with striking banners, have taken almost as much interest as men, has been the most exciting one in Delaware's political history.

Both sides are straining every nerve to gain every advantage. The "drys" are confident. The "wets" are busy, but "sawing wood."

The vote will be by districts. The Constitution setting forth four sections in which the question will be decided. These are, respectively, the city of Wilmington, rural New Castle county (all of the county outside of Wilmington), Kent county and Sussex county. The vote will be a total one in each district in order to carry the entire Commonwealth, therefore, the "drys" will be compelled to win in every district.

Party lines have been obliterated in the fight, the recent action of the Republican State Committee in adopting a resolution declaring that the party organization would not take sides being a case in point.

## Large Campaign Fund.

It is understood that the National Association of Liquor Men has contributed \$50,000 toward a campaign independent of about \$100,000 which the brewers and wholesale liquor dealers in Delaware are said to have subscribed.

The organization of the "wets" is known as the Business Men's Protective Association. James H. Kane, a wealthy saloonkeeper of Wilmington, being the president. George Muller, of Clearfield county, Pa., an orator well known in labor circles, has been engaged to direct the plan of campaign. He was formerly a prohibition speaker, and is now a teetotaler.

The situation is an anomalous one by reason of the fact that the Rev. William Thomson, of New Zealand, who came to the United States to investigate the effects of prohibition, is also identified with the liquor cause. He denounces prohibition, and combats the "drys" in debate regarding the efficacy of prohibition in Maine. He spent several weeks in Maine studying prohibition.

The organization of the "drys" is (Continued on Third Page.)

## MURDER AND BURNING

Lifeless Body of Nannie Hilton Dragged Out of Burning Home.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BLUFFTON, S. C., November 2.—A woman murdered and her house burned to hide the crime seems to be the opinion in regard to the fire which occurred at Poehontas, Va., to-night. Nannie Hilton occupied a small house, and when the fire was discovered in the building, men rushed into the flames and dragged the woman from the building. Upon examination it was discovered that the woman's head and face were badly scorched, and the suspicion is that she was murdered and the house burned to hide the crime. A coroner's inquest will be held.

## FOR SELLING COCAINE

Two Young Men Fined \$100 Each in Norfolk Police Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., November 2.—Freeman Ferguson and Max Freeman, charged with selling cocaine, were each fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court to-day. An appeal was noted in each case.

The young white men were arrested last night by local detectives, it being alleged that they have been purveying the drug among the local negroes. An additional charge of vagrancy was preferred against Bass, this being continued until next Tuesday.



## FOR STEALING MONEY SENT BY RICHMOND BANK TO DUKE

Postal Clerk Fields and His Brother Arrested for the Larceny of the \$3,000 Lost in Transit in Mails.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DURHAM, N. C., November 2.—The arrest here to-night of J. M. Fields, a railway mail clerk, and his brother, Bascom Fields, on the charge of robbing the United States mails, may lead to the solution of the mystery which has surrounded the loss of \$3,000 shipped to this State several weeks ago by the Bank of Richmond.

The money was sent from the Richmond bank to the bank at Duke, North Carolina. The sealed package arrived in Durham apparently in proper condition. Here it was transferred to the Durham and Southern. When the package was opened at Duke the money had been taken out, newspaper wadding had been substituted, and the package again sealed. Inspector Robertson has been at work on the robbery ever since it occurred, and it was evidence secured by him that led him to place the Fields brothers under arrest. Bascom Fields is jointly charged with the robbery because he is alleged to have traveled in the mail car with his brother on the trip on which the theft is charged as having been committed.

The young men stoutly deny their guilt, though the inspector says he will be prepared to show a strong case when the hearing takes place before the United States Commissioner next Thursday. Bail was fixed at \$3,000, but the accused did not give bond to-night and went to jail. J. M. Fields was married October 17th, a short time after the robbery, to Miss Martha Williams, of Liberty, N. C.

Officers of the Bank of Richmond said last night that no information had reached them regarding the arrest of the alleged mail thieves. A package containing \$3,000 was sent about a month ago by the Bank of Richmond to a bank at Duke, N. C. This package was robbed and a newspaper was inserted in the space occupied by the bank notes.

## CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT

Commonwealth Ladies' Orchestra of Boston to Appear Here.

One of the greatest musical events of the season will be the grand concert to be given at the Jefferson Hotel Friday night by the Commonwealth Ladies' Orchestra, of Boston. This organization is just ending a most triumphant tour of the New England States, and comes to Richmond with the highest recommendations.

The orchestra is composed of ten ladies, several of whom have achieved international distinction in musical circles, and is under the direction of Helen Lewis, the celebrated violinist, of whom Ezekiel Butterworth, in the Youth's Companion, says: "He is the greatest violinist heard in America since Ole Bull."

One of the stars of the company is the Hungarian Cellist, Olga Severina, who produces a most wonderful tone from this king of orchestral instruments. But the bright particular star is undoubtedly Switzerland's sweet singer, Evangeline Hiltz, the lyric soprano. One of her songs, which she sings with fine obligato, is the famous aria from "The Pearl of Brazil."

## STOP CIGARETTE MAKING

Tobacco Trust Orders Closing Down of Its Baltimore Plants.

BALTIMORE, MD., November 2.—The American Tobacco Company has ordered the closing down of practically all of its cigarette-making plants here, throwing between 500 and 600 employees out of work. No reason was given at the local factory to-day for the action of the company beyond the statement that the order to close came from headquarters at New York, and goes into effect next week. There is, however, a belief in well-informed quarters that the company's act was somewhat in the nature of a retaliatory measure on account of the recent seizure by the government of a large quantity of the company's cigarettes at Norfolk intended for export.

## TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

Murderer of Cuban and His Accessory in Crime Strung up to Pole.

MOBILE, ALA., November 2.—Abe Sumrall and Hank Lucas, negroes, were lynched early to-day at Vinegar Bend, Ala., near here. Sumrall murdered Julio Boaz, a young Cuban, Monday night. Boaz was trying to arrest Sumrall for burglary. Lucas's crime was the protecting of Sumrall from the police and a posse. The bodies were found hanging to telegraph poles north of town. Sumrall's body was a mile from the town of Lucas. It was at first proposed to burn the negroes at the stake, but wiser heads prevailed.

## HAS LEG CRUSHED

Young Man Meets With Horrible Accident at Martinsville.

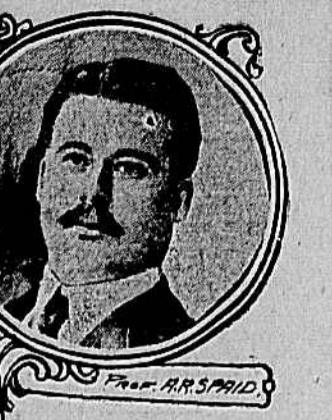
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MARTINSVILLE, VA., November 2.—Joe Rivers, a young white man, seventeen years old, had his leg crushed while riding on a freight train in the yards at Fontaine, a station on the Norfolk and Western four miles south of here, this morning.

He was brought here and the leg amputated below the knee by the company's physicians, Drs. Simmons and Shackelford.

Rivers was employed in the brickyard at Fontaine, and was in the habit of riding the train while they ebbed out in the yard. He was from North Carolina, and is an orphan.

## Coast Storm Warning

WASHINGTON, November 2.—The Weather Bureau to-night announced that storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Savannah to Miami.



## SMITH REPLIES TO GOVERNORS' CARD

President of L. & N. Charges Loss of Railway Credit to Agitation.

## OPPOSES ARBITRARY RATES

Effort to Fix Charges and Control Operations of Railways Disastrous.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 2.—President Milton H. Smith, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, who was in Birmingham to-day, issued a spirited statement in answer to that sent out by Governor Comer, Governor Smith and Governor Glenn after their conference in Atlanta yesterday. Replying to the statement, "No injury has been done to any corporation in any of our States by the exercise of the power of regulation," President Smith says: "The foregoing affirmation is not sustained by the facts known to every one. The powers of regulation, as exercised in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and some other States, have inflicted incalculable injury upon the railroad corporations, and allied interests, and in that way unfavorably affected the interests of the citizens."

"Regulation when confined to the inhibition of rebates, unjust discriminations and other manifest evils, and to the requirement of publicity upon the railroad corporations, and allied interests, and in that way unfavorably affected the interests of the citizens."

"The attempt of the Governors to place the responsibility for destruction of confidence upon the representatives of the railway companies is pitiful, and the error of the statement is apparent."

## HONOR BABE WITH HOLIDAY

Hampden-Sidney Students Refuse to Work on President's Son's Birthday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, VA., November 2.—The students of this college have learned that President McAllister had become the father of a son, the students declined in a body to attend chapel or any other college exercises to-day.

When President McAllister reached the chapel steps in front of the Memorial Hall, he was greeted by a group of students who were holding a banner which read "Honor Babe with Holiday." The students say that hereafter come what may, November 1st will be a holiday on the college calendar.

## TO BUILD AIRSHIPS

Company Incorporated in New Jersey to Manufacture Them.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The incorporation of an airship line is announced in New Jersey. Hyman Lazarus, William Shapley and Julius W. De Uero, the last named a title, Austrian with a bent toward invention, have incorporated the Bayonne Aerial Navigation Company. Bayonne is a New Jersey suburb of New York city. The company is to manufacture and sell airships. It is capitalized at \$10,000 and will begin turning out airships next February, probably on or near Bayonne if its plans carry. According to specifications filed prior to incorporation, the airships are to be propelled by wings measuring 24 feet in tip to tip.

A 24-horsepower gasoline engine will supply the power, and the whole contrivance is to weigh 33 pounds. Mr. De Uero is the inventor of the machine.

## OWES LIFE TO DOG

Princeton Student Falling from Trolley Car, Badly Hurt.

TRENTON, November 2.—The little chance for life which Brian Cox, a Princeton student, may claim as he lies in Mercer Hospital, he owes to a dog. Cox was pushed from a trolley car on his way back to the university last night. Cox and more students came here to mix in the Halloween celebration, and when it was over they were still celebrating on a crowded street, and the whole crowd plunged fifteen feet from the platform into Stony Creek, not far from Princeton.

When he was reached Cox's head was being held above water by his dog tugging at the chain and swimming. Cox was badly hurt by the fall, and the doctors at the hospital do not give much hope for his recovery.

## LAUGHED WHILE DROWNING

Would-Be Suicide Denied Men Who Tried to Rescue Him.

CINCINNATI, November 2.—An unknown middle-aged man sprang into the canal here late last night, laughed at the efforts of witnesses to rescue him and drowned.

Three young men met the man near the canal shortly before midnight. "Got any whiskey?" the sailor gut asked. The young men replied that they had none.

"I'll get a drink of something else, then," he replied, and leaped into the canal. The young men called for help and did everything in their power to pull him out, but he swam from the other side of the canal, and then to the other laughing derisively at the efforts of the crowd to pull him out. Finally, in the middle of the stream, he sank.

## URGE PRESIDENT TO CALL CONGRESS

Conservative Financiers Ask Such Action on Financial Status.

## ENACT FEDERAL CONTROL IDEAS

Amendments to Financial Laws Which Insure Maximum Flexibility With Minimum of Basic Change Are Advocated—Opposition to Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, November 2.—It was learned here to-day from undoubted sources that President Roosevelt is now being urged to call an extra session of Congress to deal with the financial situation. The request comes from and represents the judgment of the conservative leaders in the financial world, who have represented the present situation as one compelling action of the country to the enactment of the necessary laws to carry out his ideas of Federal control to the extent to which he has expounded them in his recent public utterances.

These assurances are made at this time to avert what has been regarded as the most dangerous situation which has confronted the country during an extended historic period—that is, a seeming growing lack of confidence, based on known irregularities in business methods in some quarters, and no sure and speedy means of separating the good from the unsound. To this end, it is suggested that the President set Congress to the task, first, of making such amendments to the financial laws as will result in the maximum of flexibility with the minimum of basic change in our system; next, and perhaps most in importance, that the President embody his suggestions in a bill to request recommendations for enactment into law.

In this connection the President's attention has been directed to what he said at Provincetown, Mass., August 20th, last: "I believe in a national incorporation law for corporations engaged in interstate business, and I believe furthermore that the need for action is most pressing as regards those corporations which, because they are common carriers, exercise a quasi-public function, and which can be completely controlled, in all respects, by the Federal government, by the exercise of the interstate commerce clause, and, if necessary, under the post-road clause of the Constitution. The national government should exercise over them a similar supervision and control to that which it exercises over national banks. We can do this only by proceeding farther along the lines marked out by the recent national legislation."

"Almost every big business concern is engaged in interstate commerce, and such a concern must not be allowed by a dexterous shifting of position, as has been too often the case in the past, to escape thereby all responsibility, either to State or to nation."

Remedies He Suggested.  
To meet his views, the President then suggested amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law and the addition of a criminal clause to that end to the interstate commerce regulation. He also suggested the enactment of a law to detect and eradicate unwholesome business methods at this time was said to be the desirable end to be accomplished. This would mean, it is pointed out, a practical wiping out of the State and starting afresh under business conditions, which would have a beneficial effect on the interstate commerce clause, and, if necessary, under the post-road clause of the Constitution. The national government should exercise over them a similar supervision and control to that which it exercises over national banks. We can do this only by proceeding farther along the lines marked out by the recent national legislation."

With this in view the President has been told that the call for extra session of Congress might have the reverse effect from that desired by those who are urging such action; that it would tend to emphasize in the public mind an apprehension of unfavorable conditions, which do not exist.

Falling in obtaining an extra session, those who have made the appeal for it have presented an alternative. An additional request that the President make a public statement of the assurance he feels in the sound condition of the country, and that he make a statement of the reasons for his confidence in the country, is being made. This statement would be a public statement of the assurance he feels in the sound condition of the country, and that he make a statement of the reasons for his confidence in the country.

## BIG DECLINE IN RESERVES.

This Feature of Bank Statement is Easily Accounted For.

NEW YORK, November 2.—The financial week came to a close to-day without any notable developments. The stock exchange was comparatively steady during the day, with little activity. The runs upon banking institutions seem to be practically at an end, and few important conferences were held by financiers.

The decline in the reserves of the New York clearing-house banks was heavier than in any recent experience, but will be largely offset by the arrivals of gold next week. The apparent loss in the reserve was about \$7,000,000, but \$7,000,000 of this was due to the requirement of 25 per centage against any increase in deposits of \$25,000,000. This increase in deposits in the clearing-house banks apparently represents the transfer of funds from the institutions which have been subject to runs. The actual loss in cash, however, was about \$30,000,000, which has reduced the reserve on hand to about \$225,000,000.

## Gold Engagements Large.

The gold engagements increased slightly to-day by orders from Pittsburgh and other points, making the stream, he sank.